



SOP 7.7.2 NEWLY WEANED PIGS

This standard operating procedure (SOP) can be used as a template.
If you develop your own version, all required elements must be included.

PID#:

Site Manager: Person in charge:

The following good production practices are designed to minimize negative impact on the health and welfare of newly weaned pigs. Identify which of these practices are applied on your farm.

PROTOCOL

When receiving and taking care of newly weaned pigs, designated personnel must follow this protocol for the first three to five days after weaning.	Applied On-Farm	Importance
1. The Site Manager must ensure the personnel in charge of this protocol are adequately trained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
2. Preparation of the nursery rooms		
a. Clean the nursery rooms according to SOP 2.2.1 Sanitation between batches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended
b. Ensure the nursery pens are dry prior to placing pigs in them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Before placing pigs in a room, ensure it has been warmed to an adequate temperature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. Other good production practices: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Pig placement		
a. Place like-sized pigs of the same age together in the same pen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended
b. Leave adequate space open to house sick or fallback pigs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. After initial aggression has decreased (usually within two to three days), do not introduce any new pigs to a pen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. Do not move pigs between pens (except to a sick pen, if necessary).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. Use low-stress handling techniques when moving or handling pigs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
f. Other good production practices: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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4. Feed and water management		
a. Ensure waterers are functioning and at the proper height.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended
b. Adjust the feeders until at least 60% of the bottom of the pan is covered with feed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Provide feed on clean feed trays or mats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. Deliver fresh feed at least two to three times daily.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. Consider leaving the lights on for the first 24 to 48 hours to facilitate feed discovery.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
f. Identify and mark pigs that have not eaten for further observation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
g. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Daily husbandry		
a. Walk through the rooms multiple times per day in the first 72 hours after weaning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended
b. Monitor air quality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Record the room temperature and adjust as necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. Observe pigs for signs of chilling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. If signs of chilling are present, increase the room temperature or add supplemental heating devices, such as heat pads.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
f. Observe pigs for other signs of problems, such as sickness or injuries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
g. Segregate fallback pigs and sick pigs for treatment, special care and further monitoring.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
h. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	